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GILMER MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DEALING METH

(Tyler, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that a 30-year-old Gilmer man has pleaded guilty to federal drug charges in the Eastern District of Texas. **SHAUN DALE WEEKS** admitted to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine before United States Magistrate Judge John D. Love.

According to information presented in court, an investigation began in January 2003 into the distribution of "ice" methamphetamine in East Texas. During this time, the investigation resulted in the arrest of 20 individuals. A 36-count federal indictment was returned in May charging Weeks and 19 co-defendants with federal charges. This now brings the total of defendants who have pleaded guilty in this case to eight.

At sentencing, Weeks faces up to 20 years in federal prison and a fine up to \$1 million. A sentencing date has not been set.

This case is being investigated by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the Gregg County Sheriff's Office and the Gregg County CODE Unit. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Richard Moore.

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